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SUBJECT: CANADIAN UNEMPLOYMENT 8.5 PERCENT IN AUGUST

1. SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED (SA) UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 8.5 PERCENT IN AUGUST, UP 0.1 PERCENT FROM JULY, AS GROWTH OF EMPLOYMENT WAS LESS THAN INCREASE OF THOSE SEEKING JOBS. LABOR FORCE (SA) TOTALLED 11,086,000, UP 0.2 PERCENT FROM JULY. EMPLOYMENT (SA) ROSE BY 13,000 TO 10,145,000; UNEMPLOYMENT (SA) INCREASED BY 14,000 TO 941,000. NATIONAL PARTICIPATION RATE (SA) IN AUGUST REMAINED AT 62.8 PERCENT. RATIO OF EMPLOYMENT (SA) TO ACTIVE POPULATION REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 57.5 PERCENT.

2. UNEMPLOYMENT (SA) INCREASED IN MOST CATEGORIES: IT WAS UP BY 4,000 FOR MEN AGED 15 TO 24, BY 10,000 FOR MEN 25 YEARS AND OLDER, BY 7,000 FOR WOMEN 15 TO 24, BUT IT DECREASED BY 7,000 FOR WOMEN 25 AND OVER.

3. PARTICIPATION RATE INCREASED BY 0.2 PERCENT TO 78.3 PERCENT FOR MEN AND REMAINED AT 47.9 PERCENT FOR WOMEN.

4. PROVINCIALLY, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL DECREASED IN ONTARIO (-6,000). THE LEVEL INCREASED
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IN QUEBEC (15,000) AND BRITISH COLUMBIA (9,000). IN THE REMAINING PROVINCES, THE RATE SHOWED LITTLE OR NO CHANGE. SEE TABLE BELOW.

SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY PROVINCE:

----- AUG. '78 JULY '78 AUG. '77

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|----------------------|------|------|------|
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 16.5 | 16.7 | 16.0 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 8.8 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 10.4 | 10.9 | 10.3 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 13.6 | 12.9 | 13.7 |
| QUEBEC | 11.0 | 10.5 | 10.3 |
| ONTARIO | 7.1 | 7.3 | 7.1 |
| MANITOBA | 6.7 | 6.7 | 5.6 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| ALBERTA | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | 8.4 | 7.7 | 8.7 |

5. ON UNADJUSTED BASIS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 7.7 PERCENT IN AUGUST, DOWN FROM 8.0 PERCENT IN JULY. TOTAL UNADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT WAS 10,635,000, DOWN 9,000 FROM JULY, AND UNEMPLOYMENT 892,000, DOWN 35,000 FROM JULY.

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